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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The actual attendance at the golf driving ranges managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2015 is 258 000, representing a slight increase over that of 2014. Please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the attendances at and usage rates of the four golf driving ranges managed by the Department in the past five years; and
- (2) the data on which the Department based in concluding that the increase in attendance in 2015 was due to the closure of some private golf driving ranges in recent years.

Asked by: Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

(1) The attendance and usage rates of the four golf driving ranges managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past five years are set out below:

Year	Attendance	Usage rates
2011	191 000	28%
2012	191 000	31%
2013	210 000	35%
2014	245 000	41%
2015	258 000	43%

(2) Following the closure of a few private run golf driving ranges in recent years, it is likely that some golfers patronize the golf driving ranges managed by the LCSD and consequently increasing the usage rates.